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JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES

Springs Sensation by Asking Bryan to Name Roosevelt.

Chattanooga, Tenn., April 10.—A sensational feature of the banquet given here to-night by the Bryan Anniversary Club, at which William J. Bryan was the guest of honor, was the letter and subsequent speech of John Temple Graves, editor of the Atlanta Georgian, who, in his letter, refused to speak because the toastmaster asked him not to talk about his suggestion that Bryan should nominate Roosevelt for reelection. Later Mr. Graves was induced to go to the banquet hall and deliver his speech. Mr. Graves in his letter said:

Hon. F. A. Hood, President Bryan Anniversary Club, Chattanooga, Tenn.—Dear Sir: I came to Chattanooga, yielding to no one in my profound and affectionate regard for Mr. Bryan and for the Democratic party and its principles.

In the course of my speech I tried to make that plain in so warm and glowing sentences as my heart could fashion. I am profoundly convinced that in this period of tremendous economic crisis the only man who can carry to successful conclusion the reform instituted in behalf of the people is the man who is already entrenched in the power and prestige of dauntless courage and a conspicuous success in the executive office.

I have endeavored in my speech to give my convictions, and these convictions are so earnest and sincere that I cannot change them unless better reasons are given than have been presented to me up to the present time.

My reason for stating this conviction at a Bryan banquet with Mr. Bryan present, was because I considered it the manly and Democratic thing to do.

The time to voice a sentiment so momentous to the life, to the prosperity and to the realization of best ideals of a Democracy, is in a council of the faithful and in the full presence of our great and shining leader who would be there to comment, to approve or to condemn with the full force of his influence and eloquence, as he might see fit.

If I had made this speech in the North and with a mixed audience present it would have carried a suggestion of truckling or the appear-

ance of seeking favors where the other party was stronger than my own.

It appeared to me that the only fair and honest thing to do was to speak my convictions in full council and with open voice. In this belief my speech, upon the request of the Associated Press has already been sent out to the newspapers of the country.

I have not one particle of dogmatism, nor any more pride of personal opinion in pressing this matter, but the publicity already given to my speech commits me to it so far that I cannot in courage or in consistency suppress that part of my speech around which the whole revolves.

I recognize the full right of the committee, when they have secured from unreleased copies of my speech the trend of my remarks, to express approval or disapproval of the utterance, and since I, on the request of the committee to-night must yield full obedience to their wishes in the matter. It is my misfortune to have misconstrued the occasion as to find a Bryan ratification meeting where I came to attend a free and serious party deliberation.

There seems nothing left me than, save to withhold the speech from the Bryan banquet, although I cannot consistently ask the newspapers to which it has already been given, to refrain from such use as they may see fit to make of it.

Of course, this was only an individual conviction submitted to judgment of my party. I do not need to say if Mr. Bryan shall be nominated in the wisdom of the Democratic party as our next candidate for President, that I shall give him my whole-hearted and unqualified, enthusiastic support.

I thank the committee most cordially for the courtesy of their invitation and regretting to find myself in variance with that portion of the club who have charge of the programme, I most sincerely wish them a joyous evening and a profitable discussion of the great issues of importance to the party and people.

Very sincerely,

JOHN TEMPLE GRAVES.

Later Mr. Graves was persuaded to take his place at the banquet table and spoke in part as follows:

The times may change, and men may change as well, before the campaign of 1908 begins. But if the conditions then are as they are today—if Roosevelt rides the storm that is brewing in the realm of corporate capital, then our way seems open and our duty clear.

Speaking here deliberately for myself, and, in my fair judgment, of

the great majority of the plain and honest Democrats of the Empire Southern State, from which I came, I believe that we should put the party below the people, the principle above the man. We should rebuke the spirit of spoils and the hunger of faction. We should affirm our principles, confess our faith, recite the necessity of the reform of corporate capital as the supreme and transcendent issues of the times, pay tribute to the great and typical American who has proved himself the dauntless and conquering captain of the people's cause, and then and there in that great convention of our own, William J. Bryan, the one unmatched and incomparable evangel of our faith, speaking for a pure Democracy, and speaking for the whole plain people of this republic, should put in nomination Theodore Roosevelt for one more undisputed term of power to finish the work that he has so gloriously begun.

It would give this great country of ours one millennium period in which factions and partisans should be still, and the spirit of representative government should be given a new birth and a new consecration to its great ideals—to the glory of the people and the admiration of the world.

And when this people had won their majestic and enduring victory in the great and transcendent economic problem of the times, then, at its conclusion, parties, which are always necessary and always helpful in a republic's life, might separate once more into their separate camps behind real shibboleths, in which every line of sectionalism should be buried, every bogie of fogism and of graft should be obliterated, and in which men who have followed for twenty years in slavish loyalty of faction behind platforms which they did not indorse and leaders in which they did not believe—might align themselves once more and honestly behind theories of government which carried their sincere convictions and enlisted their intelligence and their noble zeal.

It would mean a new birth for parties and a new start for the republic, in mission and in history.

Mr. Chairman, I submit in high and representative honesty this proposition, which seems to be radical, but which I know to be right. I have never been more loyal to the life and fortunes of the great Neb-raskan who is our honored guest to-night I have never been a better and a truer Democrat than when I suggest this sacrifice which will make our peace with history and establish the prosperity of the people. Bury me if you will with partisan scorn to-night, but think of me to-morrow

with that high and patriotic conscience which lifts the patriot above the partisan and blends the immortal principle with the real welfare of the people.

The Democratic party fronts today an opportunity which comes not often in human history to glorify its principles and to perpetuate its usefulness among men.

May God and the better angels of our history help us to the patriot's policy and the people's weal.—Courier Journal.

Mrs. J. W. Branson Dead.

Mrs. Nora Belle Howerton Branson, wife of J. W. Branson, of Mattoon vicinity, died Wednesday, April 10, of consumption after a lingering illness of twelve months duration. She contracted malaria in Southeast Missouri last year and soon after her return here to her old homestead was a victim of gripe which settled on her lungs, and after that she continued to decline.

She was born Jan. 30, 1875 and was the daughter of Richard L. Howerton, a well known citizen of the county. She was married to J. W. Branson, who survives her, in 1893 and leaves five children. Her surviving sisters are Miss Kittie Howerton and Mrs. Una Shewmaker, and brothers are James, Charles, Fred, John, Coleman and Brownie.

She was a Christian since childhood, being a member of the Repton Baptist church. The interment took place Thursday at the Repton cemetery Rev. U. G. Hughes officiating.

Mrs. Mary Grasty Dead.

A telegram received in the city Monday morning contained the news of the death of Mrs. Mary Grasty, mother of Mrs. R. C. Love, of this city, who has been at her bedside the past week.

Mrs. Grasty has made her home recently with her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Darwin, at Evansville, Tenn., but for many years resided near "Hillman's Rolling Mill" in Lyon county and later at Cadiz, where with her daughters she kept one of the best hotels in Western Kentucky.

Mrs. Grasty was a noble Christian character and was much beloved and respected by all with whom she came in contact. She was seventy-eight years of age. By her request her remains were brought to Eldysville yesterday and were laid to rest at the old family burying ground.

Beautiful Art Piano.

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CHAS. M'MICAN KILLED

Was Shot and Mortally Wounded by Louis Sliger, Saturday.

A most distressing tragedy occurred at the home of James Kirk in the Colon vicinity last Saturday afternoon at five o'clock, in which Louis Sliger was shot and in turn shot and mortally wounded Charles McMicen, of the same vicinity.

The full particulars are not obtainable, but will all be brought out at the examining trial next Friday, Apr. 26, and will be published in full. Some of the incidents immediately preceding and following the killing are as follows:

Sliger had gone to Kirk's house to see him about the purchase of some hogs, and as Kirk was in Tolu he awaited his return. When he did return McMicen was with him and carried a shot gun, which he proceeded to empty at Sliger, who carrying a Colts revolver, emptied it at his antagonist. One of the bullets from Sliger's pistol struck McMicen's horse and another struck the rider in the abdomen penetrating to the backbone. He walked home three hundred yards, but realized he had received his death wound and so informed his family. Dr. Clement was hastily summoned from Tolu, but gave the dying man's family no encouragement after examining the wound.

Sliger was struck in the head by one of the shots from McMicen's gun but his wound while painful is not dangerous.

McMicen leaves a wife and four children. He has been married three times, his first wife being Richard Gass' daughter. His second Jas. Cleghorn's daughter. His present wife was Miss Sallie Fry before her marriage. McMicen was only thirty years of age and was a brother of Henry McMicen, a well known citizen of this county.

The unfortunate affair is deplored by every one as both men have many friends and stood well in their respective neighborhoods where known.

Sliger has employed Hon. A. C. Moore to defend him. He surrendered Sunday and was put under \$1000 bond, which was increased to \$2500 after McMicen's death which occurred Monday morning at ten o'clock.

The interment took place Tuesday at the family burying ground on the Fords Ferry road near Crooked Creek and was attended by one of the largest crowds ever seen at a funeral in the county. Rev. E. B. Blackburn officiated.

J. T. Hickin will sell you flour cheaper than any one.

SENATOR BLACKBURN SAILS

New Canal Commissioner took Kentucky Horse on Isthmian Trip.

Washington D. C. April 17.—Senator Blackburn, who has received his commission as a member of the Panama Canal Commission, sailed for the Isthmus on April 7th, accompanied by his family. Included in the family was Mrs. Blackburn, her sister, Mrs. Kitch, and the Senator's granddaughter, little Teresa Lane. The Blackburns will reside at Ancon, which city over-looks the Pacific ocean. But the Senator will have to be here a great portion of the time during the session of congress, as a part of his duties will be to represent the Secretary of War in hearings before committees of Congress considering proposed canal legislation. Senator Blackburn will have direct charge of all matters relating to relations of the Canal Zone with adjacent republics, and also, as far as possible, represent the commission before the public in this country, delivering frequent addresses on public occasions in various parts of the country.

Senator Blackburn took his riding horse to the Isthmus, but left the rest of his stable in Kentucky.

Mrs. Woodson's Burial.

The interment of Mrs. Maggie Franklin Woodson, the young wife of George Woodson, took place at Rosebud church ten miles East of Marion Thursday morning. There was no funeral service at the grave, this being deferred, as many members of the family were unable to attend, a song and prayer by the pastor, Rev. R. C. Love, being the only observance. Besides her husband and two little girls, May eight years and Georgia four years of age. She is survived by her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Ben Franklin, four sisters, Madames Geo. Duff, F. E. Davis, of Miss. Frank Martin, of Union county, and Miss Attha Franklin also two brothers, Jr. and James.

She was born Feb. 22nd, 1881, was married in 1893 and was a consistent christian woman much beloved by all who knew her.

Monday morning Mr. Rubie Holder and Miss Pearl Hornback, of Dyeusburg vicinity, came up and were married at the court house by Rev. E. B. Blackburn.

They were accompanied by another couple also from Dyeusburg. Mad-dame rumor soon spread the news on the street, and by the time the licensed could be issued, quite a good crowd had gathered to witness the marriage.

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